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The meeting was called to order at 10.30 a.m.

Agenda item 109: Advancement of women (*continued*) (A/C.3/54/L.89)

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.89: Revitalization and strengthening of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women

1. **The Chairman** informed the Committee that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications and said that Afghanistan, Austria, Azerbaijan, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, the Netherlands and Spain had joined the sponsors when the draft resolution had been introduced.

2. **Ms. Indershan** (Guyana) said that since the introduction of the draft resolution Croatia, Luxembourg and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had become sponsors.

3. **Ms. Tavares de Alvarez** (Dominican Republic), responding to a question raised by several delegations, said that the reference in paragraph 8 of the draft resolution was indeed to article III, not article 111, of the statute of the Institute.

4. *Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.89 was adopted.*

Agenda item 111: Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions (*continued*) (A/C.3/54/L.91)

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.91: Follow-up to the Regional Conference to Address the Problems of Refugees, Displaced Persons, Other Forms of Involuntary Displacement and Returnees in the Countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and Relevant Neighbouring States

5. **The Chairman** announced that, at the request of a number of delegations, the Committee would not take action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.91 until the following day.

Agenda item 116: Human rights questions (*continued*)

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (*continued*) (A/C.3/54/L.85)

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.85: The right to development

6. **The Chairman** announced that the introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.85 had been postponed.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (*continued*) (A/C.3/54/L.80)

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.80: Situation of human rights in Haiti

7. **The Chairman** said that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications and that the representative of Venezuela had orally revised it when it had been introduced.

8. **Ms. Newell** (Secretary of the Committee) said that, at the end of the fifth preambular paragraph of the English text, the words "in that country" had been deleted; in the seventh preambular paragraph, the word "general" had been replaced by the words "legislative and local"; at the end of paragraph 1, the words "in that country" had been deleted; and in the seventh line of paragraph 8, the word "specific" had been inserted before the word "context".

9. **The Chairman** said that Andorra, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, El Salvador, Japan, Norway, Peru, Spain and Uruguay had joined the sponsors of the draft resolution when it had been introduced.

10. **Ms. di Felice** (Venezuela) said that, since the introduction of the draft resolution, Afghanistan, Denmark, the Dominican Republic, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland had become sponsors.

11. **The Chairman** announced that Germany, Haiti, Malta and Panama had also joined the sponsors of the draft resolution.

12. **Ms. Romulus** (Haiti) noted that it was customary for the Third Committee to adopt the draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Haiti by consensus.

It was to break with the climate of instability which had characterized Haiti in the past that a large number of friendly countries had sponsored the draft resolution and her delegation thanked them most sincerely.

13. *Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.80, as orally revised, was adopted.*

The meeting rose at 10.45 a.m.